

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc. File No. 323/35

Wayside Station,

Further REPORT

Date. August 30, 1935.

Subject. Trouble Expected by Kung Woo Garage on Japanese Wharves.

Made by D.S. Sorrie,

Forwarded by

Sir,

On 28-8-35, Mr. C.T. Feng brought to the Station a letter which was delivered to his office at 110 Szechuen Road at 5p.m. on 27-8-35 by three male Chinese, (1) Tsai Ts Yue (崔志餘), (2) Lieu Zai Foc (劉才發), and (3) Zee Ching sung (徐榮生), representatives of the owners of hire cars operating on the Japanese wharves.

The following is a translation of the letter:-

"With reference to the business altercation on Whangpoo and Wayside wharves, we beg to submit the following account:-

It will be recalled that in July, 1928, the Japanese, for their own benefit, arranged with the Li Li Garage for a service of hire cars on Wayside Wharf. Consequently, we had a dispute over the matter and it was amicably settled through the mediation of the said wharf manager, the sum of \$200.00 to be paid to the manager of the Li Li Garage for expenses incurred by him. The said money was converted by them to the "Sa Xuh" Hospital for charity purposes.

For compensation and advertisement fee, we paid a sum of more than \$550.00, and a further amount of \$152.00 to the said garage for a sub-station they built inside the Wayside Wharf. The total expenses we incurred was \$903.00. In order to avoid further trouble, and at the request of the Japanese we obtained thirty-three licenses, the cost of each being \$30.00, from them, total amount being \$990.00.

For the sake of supporting our families, we raised the above sum in the hope that we could obtain a living.

Further. In 1928, the Johnson Garage built a substation on the said wharf, and for lack of business they withdrew. We were

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again called to resume the business. Owing to the confusion on the wharf, we were instructed to each obtain a licence by the Japanese, cost of which \$10.00, a total of \$300.00 for 30 cars. An extra fee of \$70.00 was paid for invitation purposes.

Further. Unexpectedly the Yellow Taxi Garage also tried to grab the business on the said wharves and as a result we had another dispute, but this was subsequently settled on condition that we paid \$400.00 as expenses they incurred.

This large amount we paid solely for the maintenance and the living of our (more than 30) families.

We report the above as explanation and await your impartial instructions.

Members of the Wharf hire cars:-

Lieu Chi San (劉啟山) on Dixwell Road.

Tsai Ts Yue (莊志錄) At Shing Fah Garage.

Lieu Zung Hwa (劉順華) " " "

Wong AhnYi (王阿乙) " " "

Zung Zou Ts (鍾朝珠) At 140 Yau Shing Li, Dixwell Rd.

Dong Tsing Sung (唐井生) At Dah Loong Garage, Chongling Road.

Idea Kai Foo (劉才高) On Dixwell Road.

Tsui Ah Leh (周阿六) On Tiendong Rd corner.

Lee Ching Sung (徐金生) In a balcony, Yahi Road.

Li Woe Tsung (李和春) At Johnson Garage.

Mr. Feng informed them that he would consider the matter, and invited them to return to his office at 5p.m. on 23-4-35 to hold a discussion.

From further enquiries made by G.D.I. 35 and the undersigned, it was learned that on 23-4-35, the Hung Woe Garage obtained

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from the Shanghai Express Company the sole right of operating hire cars on the Japanese wharves in Wayside district, after the Yellow Taxicab Company had given up this right on account of numerous acts of intimidation directed against their chauffeurs by employees of various small hire car garage owners who made their living by touting for hire on the wharf. In spite of the above arrangement with the Shanghai Express Company, the "Ya-kyi" cars continued to operate on the wharves and with a view to eliminating the misance, the Kung Woo Garage bought on 26-6-35 one of the cars from its owner, Lee Kau Lien (李高樓), who was the ringleader of the persons responsible for intimidating the Yellow Taxicab chauffeurs. The above named person and three others, Wong Hung Ching (王仲卿), Ziang Kuh Tsung (蔣克忠), and Kau Yue Tuh (高有德) were also given employment in the Kung Woo Garage on signing an agreement that they would make no further trouble. The remainder of the persons connected with the "ya-kyi" cars obtained employment in other garages, but a number of them are again unemployed.

At 5p.m. on 29-8-35, a meeting was held in Room 37, 110 Szechuen Road, attended by Mr. Feng, his four employees who were formerly connected with the "ya-kyi" cars, and the three men who delivered the letter. C.D.S. 35 was present in the room and heard the discussion which took place. The three representatives stated that as they and the seven others mentioned in the letter had not received any benefit from the \$450.00 paid to Lee Kau Lien by the Kung Woo Garage and being at present unemployed, they wished either to obtain a share of the above sum or a situation in the Kung Woo Garage, failing which they would

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be forced to resume touting for hire on the wharves. They denied having threatened to assault the Kung Woo chauffeurs or having any intention of doing so. Mr. Feng informed them that he would take no action, and that he would leave them to settle the matter with Lee Kau Mieu. At 6p.m. they left the office together with the four Kung Woo employees.

On 308-35, Mr. Feng was communicated with and he stated that a settlement had been reached between the two parties, Lee Kau Mieu holding himself responsible that there would be no further trouble.

Since 26-9-35, no attempted intimidation of Kung Woo chauffeurs operating on the Japanese wharves has taken place.

I am, Sir,

Yours Obediently,

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Officer 1/c Special Branch.

Sir,
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Wayside Station,

REPORT

Date August, 26, 1935.

Subject: Trouble Expected by Kung Woo Garage on Japanese wharves.

Made by: D.S. Sorrie. Forwarded by:

Sir,

At 11 a.m. on 26.8.35, a telephone message was received at this station from Mr. C.J. Feng, of the Kung Woo Garage, Head Office 405 Gordon Road, to the effect that he was expecting his chauffeurs to meet with trouble on the Japanese wharves in Wayside district.

Mr. Feng was interviewed in his office at 137 Peking Rd by C.D.S. 35 and the undersigned. He stated that his company has the monopoly of the N.V.K., D.K.K. and O.S.K. wharves by arrangement with the Shanghai Express Company, and that no other empty hire cars are allowed to enter these wharves unless called by intending passengers.

On the morning of 26.8.35, one Tsiang Yue Zung (蔣于匡) employed as a supervisor with the Kung Woo Garage, was informed by chauffeurs attached to the branch garage at No.1 Pingliang Road, that they had heard rumours to the effect that the proprietor of the Sheng Fah Garage, 1208 Dixwell Road, intended to instigate loafers to assault the chauffeurs of Kung Woo cars operating on the above wharves. The only reason Mr. Feng could give for the rumoured assault was that the Sheng Fah Garage owner was jealous of the Kung Woo monopoly on the Japanese wharves and intended to endeavour to obtain a part of the business.

Special precautions were taken at the D.K.K. wharf when the "Tsingtao Maru" arrived at 1 p.m. on 26.8.35, but only one minor incident took place. As a Kung Woo car entered the gate of the wharf, a number of male Chinese attempted to follow it, but were prevented by the watchman, and on the approach of J.P.C. 194, all ran away with the exception of one

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who was arrested by the J.P.D.. This person, however, proved to be an employee of the Kung Woo Garage and was accordingly released.

The "Shanghai Maru" arrived at the N.Y.K. at 3.30 p.m. on 24.8.35, but no untoward incident occurred.

Chinese detectives have made enquiries at the wharves concerned and teashops in the vicinity, but no information regarding the expected trouble was obtained.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Senior Det i/c

D.D.O. "D"

O. i/c Special Branch.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

S. 1, Special Branch

Date. June 26, 1935.

Subject. Public hire car monopoly on N.Y.K. Wharf.

Made by D. S. Umemoto.

Forwarded by.

With reference to the attached report, dated June 19, on the subject of "Public hire cars plying for hire on the N.Y.K. Wayside Wharf", I have to report that a contract was made on April 19, 1935, by Kyang Koh Sheng, Director of the Kung Woo Huh Kyi (共和合記) Garage, No. 405 Gordon Road, and Mr. Yamasaki, Proprietor of the Shanghai Express Co., No. 105 Boone Road, by which the former was permitted to operate hire cars on the N.Y.K. Wayside Wharf. Negotiations concerning this matter were opened through the good offices of Tseu Tsu Zang (周志成), local resident secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The terms of the contract are as follows:-

- 1) That a sum of \$600 be deposited by Kyang Koh Sheng to Mr. Yamasaki as a security to maintain satisfactory services.
- 2) That 10% of the income be paid to Mr. Yamasaki.
- 3) That expenses for stationary and the wages of a checking clerk be defrayed by Mr. Yamasaki.
- 4) That vehicles should be easily distinguishable from those of other companies.

Note: All bodies of motor cars owned by this garage have been painted a silver colour with a red line in the middle.

- 5) That the term of contract is from April 20 to October 19, 1935.

In view of the fact that a certain number of owners of the so-called "Yah Kyi" hire cars, formerly operating on the wharf, had strongly opposed the granting of a monopoly to the Yellow Taxi Garage and later to the Taylor Garage, the proprietor of the Kung Woo Huh Kyi Garage purchased some 10 motor-cars owned by these persons and employed some of them in order to avoid trouble.

At present the services are being carried on in a satisfactory

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A specimen copy of a fare table is attached.

Mr. Yamasaki in an interview stated that the fares at present are of a higher rate than those charged by other companies, but this will be reduced when the working is found to be satisfactory. The object of giving a monopoly to a firm is to check public hire cars touting for hire on the wharf to the annoyance of passengers. The entering of vehicles will not be interfered with if ordered by passengers or visitors.



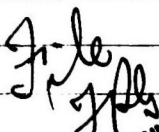
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Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch.

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Information and
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File No.

Wayside Station,

REPORT

Date. June 19, 1935

Subject. Public Hire Cars Plying for Hire on the N.Y.K. (Wayside) Wharf.-

Made by S. I. Tabata

Forwarded by

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Sir,

I beg to report the result of inquiries I have made regarding public motor cars permitted by the management of the above wharf to carry out business on the latter's premises. The Kung Woo Garage with Director Kyang Koh Sheng and Manager Hou Sheng Shih situate at No. 405 Gordon Road has undertaken business on the wharf premises through the introduction of a Mr. Shiu a Chinese ex-Consul in Kobe, Japan. The Kung Woo Garage officials paid \$600 to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha as a deposit. They bought motor cars which formerly operated on a touting system and employ some of the chauffeurs of the purchased cars. The Kung Woo concern pay ten percent of their takings to the Shanghai Express Company, a Japanese concern who have monopolistic rights on the wharf. It is also revealed that the Garage Company have a contract dated June 3, 1935 with the Dairen Kissen Kaisha Wharf, and intend to extend their business to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha Wharf in the near future. These contracts are on the same lines as that made with the N. Y. K.

The Kung Woo Garage have recently applied for a licence to open a garage at No. 1 Pingliang Road, in close proximity to the three wharves.

I am,

Sir,

Yours obediently,

Sub-Inspector.

D. O. "D" Division.

D. O. (Division)

Information, D. O. (S. B.) may be interested in this new arrangement?
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\$I, Please verify, and note, and pass to Reg. to file. J. H. Sp. H. C. J. J. J. 7/6

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April 1, 1935.

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Intimidation against the Taylor Garage

At 12.30 a.m. March 31, hire car No.12106 of the Taylor Garage, while proceeding eastwards along Avenue Edward VII, near Fokien Road, was stoned by a male Chinese. The wind screen was broken, and both the chauffeur and a passenger were slightly injured.

Since obtaining the sole right to operate cars on the N.Y.K. Wharf, Yangtsepoo Road, this is the third case of intimidation against the Taylor Garage.

Ming Sung Cotton Mill - workers demand reopening

Some eighty workers who claimed to represent their colleagues formerly in the employ of the Ming Sung Cotton Mill, 143 Warren Road, O.O.L., held a meeting in the 10th District Cotton Spinners' Union, 1428 Brennan Road, O.O.L., at 2 p.m. March 31, when they decided to request the Chinese Authorities to induce the Management to reopen the plant. It was also decided that endeavours be made to solicit effective support in this connection from the General Labour Union.

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Nantao Tramway Company - distribution of bonus

On March 30, the annual bonus for 1934 was distributed to the staff employees, totalling some 250, of the Nantao Tramway Company. The workers of the Company will be paid their share at the beginning of April. X

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CRIME DIARY.

765/35 Louza.
466/35 Central.
Crime Register No.

Date March 31st. 1935.
Division Louza Police Station.

Diary Number 1.

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence:— 33.

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

9.a.m.-8.p.m.
31-3-35.

Places visited in
course of
investigation
each day.

Taylor Garage.
American Club.
Central Station.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of
premises.

On Ave. Ed.VII near Fokien Road.

Time and date of offence.

12.30.a.m. 31-3-35.

" " " reported.

12.45.a.m. 31-3-35.

Name, occupation and ad-
dress of complainant.

Mr. Max Basker, c/o The American Club.

Number of criminals with
full individual description.

Arrests.

Nil.

Classification of property
stolen.

Value \$

Classification of property
recovered.

Value \$

In cases of Murder or
Suspected Murder points
(a) to (d) should be
answered.

- (a) Time and date body was discovered.
- (b) Position, appearance and marks on body.
- (c) Apparent cause of death.
- (d) Motive if known.

Full Details of Method used
in Committing offence.

In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.

- (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.
- (f) Means used (tools etc.)
- (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc.
- (h) Mode of transport and description.
- (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)

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- (j) What staff employed on premises?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
- (m) What was their "characters"?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
- (o) Are old servants suspected?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 9.a.m. 31-3-35, the undersigned was instructed by M.S.I. Crawford to conduct enquiries concerning a report of intimidation made to Central Police Station at 12.45.a.m. 31-3-35 the F.I.D. on which had been transferred to this station.

From an entry in the "Occurrence Book" at Central Station it was learned that at 12.45.a.m. Sung Ah Kung (4/17/35) employed by the Tayler Garage as a hire car driver, (Driving Permit No.1091) reported that at 12.30.a.m. 31-3-35, he was driving a hire car Lic. No.12106 along Avenue Edward VII from West to East. When near Fokien Road a male Chinese ran from an alleyway and threw a stone through the windscreen, causing injury to the driver and his passenger, Mr. Max Basker, c/o The American Club.

From enquiries made at Central Station it would appear that the driver did not stop the car, but proceeded at once to Central Station and made his report, handing in at the same time the stone which had been thrown into the car. The injury sustained by the driver and his passenger do not appear to have been of a serious nature, the former suffering from a cut on the lip from a fragment of glass, and the latter from a bruised head where he was struck by the stone.

With C.D.C.42, the undersigned proceeded to the Tayler Garage, 96 Rue Cardinal Mercier, French Communion, but no responsible person could be found, the executives not attending office on Sunday. The clerk on duty stated that Sung Ah Kung would not be

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CRIME REGISTER No:— **765/35 Louza.**
466/35 Sentral.

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Police Station.

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Diary Number: **1/Sheet 3.**

Nature of Offence:— **33.**

Time at which
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course of
investigation
each day

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on duty until 1-4-35, but that he might be located at his home, 677 Nyi Wo Lee (義和里) Kiaochow Road.

On enquiries being made however, no such lane could be found in the vicinity.

At the American Club it was learned that Mr. Basker is not a member, but has called there occasionally during the past few days, he being on a business visit from Honobief.

Enquiries will therefore be made at the American Consulate on 1-4-35 with a view to obtaining his address.

J. Bogus.

D.S.83.
C.D.C.42.

Received 11⁴⁵am 1-4-35.
J.L. 1-4-35
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J.H.G.
1-APR. 1935

2.45 pm 16/3/35.

From D.C. Divs.

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The Taylor Garage have received a
concession to supply m'cars for convenience of passengers
at N.Y.K. Wharfe Wharf and have received an anonymous
warning against acceptance. Please warn all men going
out on duty to lookout for any person attempting to damage
their cars.

All Stations and R.U. informed at 2.47 pm
through C.C.R.

*Taylor Garage commenced
operating at the Wharfe Wharf
on March 29.*

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S.1, Special Branch, ~~XXXXXX~~
REPORT

Date **March 22, 1935.**

Subject Intimidation against the Yellow Taxicab Company.

Made by **D.S. McKeown**

Forwarded by *H. Grubbs R!*

Commencing on March 1, 1935, the management of the N.Y.K. Wayside Wharf granted the Yellow Taxicab Company, with head office at 534 Rue Bourgeat, the sole right of operating on the Company's Wharf. The action was taken to eliminate the nuisance to passengers and others caused by toute and chauffeurs of hire cars which have operated on the Company's wharf for a number of years.

Consequent upon the concession of the monopoly to the Yellow Taxicab Co., several acts of intimidation against the chauffeurs of the Company have occurred in various parts of the Settlement and in two instances cars have been damaged. With a view to obtaining information concerning the instigators of these attacks, enquiries have been conducted into the activities of the owners and employees of three garages whose hire cars operated on the N.Y.K. Wharf, but without success. Mr. Z.M. Ling (林仲銘), Manager of the Yellow Taxicab Co., was interviewed and the following information was obtained :-

At 3.40 p.m. March 1, an inspector of the Yellow Taxicab Co. named Zau Zung Nyu (趙承原) was assaulted by a number of persons on the N.Y.K. Wharf, six of whom were arrested and taken to Wayside Station. The Inspector and Mr. Ling also proceeded to Wayside, but the arrested persons were subsequently cautioned and released. (Efforts to locate these assailants with a view to obtaining further information were unsuccessful owing to the fact that they could not be found at the addresses given to the Police when arrested.)

Since March 1, a number of chauffeurs in the Company have received threatening letters and approached the Manager stating that they refused to be in charge of the Company's

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cars operating on the N.Y.K. Wharf. Following further attacks involving damage to two cars, Mr. Ling decided to cancel the contract with the N.Y.K. On several occasions during the past few days, Mr. Ling has been approached by a "peace maker", one Sung Kung Zai (根財), Manager of the Dah Loong Garage (大隆), 160 Chapoo Road, who stated that he was anxious to heal the breach between the employees of the small garages and those of the Yellow Taxicab Company. These overtures resulted in a meeting at 10 a.m. March 20 of Mr. Ling and other executives of the Yellow Taxicab Co. and a number of employees of the small garages. The meeting was held at the Branch Office of the Yellow Taxicab Co. when the employees of the small garages (whose names are unknown to Mr. Ling) thanked Mr. Ling for cancelling the contract at the N.Y.K. Wharf.

Mr. Ling stated that he did not desire the police to make further efforts to arrest the perpetrators of the acts as he now considered the matter closed, and he was afraid of reprisals.

Following the cancellation of the contract by the Yellow Taxicab Co. officials of the N.Y.K. Company offered the hire car business on the wharf to the Ford Hire Co. but Mr. Brewer, Manager of the latter concern informed the undersigned that he intended to refuse the offer owing to the difficulties experienced by the Yellow Taxicab Co. and also owing to the fact that the business on the wharf would not be sufficiently remunerative.

M. H. H. H.

D. S.

D. C. (Special Branch)

*D.C. (Divno)
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and kindly
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J. H. H. H.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Wayside Station,

Date March 21st, 19 35.

Subject Further Report on Intimidation of Yellow Taxicab Company Chauffeurs.

Made by D.S.I. Tsai Liu

Forwarded by

Grimane. o/c

Sir,

I beg to report that at about 12 noon on 21-3-35 a visit was paid by the undersigned and J.D.S. Watanabe to Dah Loong Garage (大隆), 160 Chapoo Road, where Mr. Zung Kung Zai (張勁) the Manager, who represents the owners of various "Yah Kyi" hire cars, was interviewed. When questioned, Mr. Zung stated that on or about 20-2-35 he was requested by owners of several small garages to communicate with Mr. Yomasaka, Manager of Shanghai Express Co., 150K Boone Road, to grant them the permission of operating the "Yah Kyi" hire cars inside the N.Y.K. Wharf. As Mr. Yomasaka had already authorized the cars of the Yellow Taxi Company to have the sole right of operating on the Wharf, Mr. Zung, on behalf of the hire "Yah Kyi" car-owners, again interviewed Mr. Yomasaka on 26-2-35 when the latter decided to allow both the "Yah Kyi" hire cars and the Yellow Taxi Cars to operate at the same time, on the Wharf, which suggestions were refused to be accepted by the Management of the Yellow Taxi Company. However, Mr. Yomasaka, in spite of Mr. Zung's request, renewed his verbal agreement with the Yellow Taxi Company and gave them the sole right to operate on the Wharf as beginning from 1-3-35.

As mentioned in the previous report, numerous instances of intimidation of Yellow Taxi Chauffeurs were experienced and At about 10 a.m. on 20-3-35 a meeting consisting of Mr. Z.W. Ling (李仲芳), Manager of the Yellow Taxicab, and Mr. Zung, representative of the "Yah Kyi" hire car-owners, was held in the Yellow Taxi Branch Office, Baikal Road, when Mr. Ling decided to give up this "Job" of his own accord in order to avoid any further trouble and to protect his chauffeurs.

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Mr. C. Gejo, Manager of N.Y.K. Wharf, was also interviewed by J.D.S. Watanabe and the undersigned regarding the present situation when he stated that he strongly refused to allow the "Yah Kyi" hire cars operate on the Wharf. Arrangements are now being made by Shanghai Express Company with the Ford Hire for their cars to operate inside the Wharf. The latter has not yet given them an official reply in view of the previous disturbance.

At 3 p.m. on 21/3-35 when S.S. "Nagasaki Maru" arrived at the N.Y.K. Wharf, none of the Yellow Taxi Cars or the "Yah Kyi" hire cars appeared. Hire cars from Ford, Johnson, Nan Fong and Lee Lee Garages then attended and conveyed the passengers after being summoned by the Shanghai Express Company.

In a second interview with Mr. Yamasaka, Manager of Shanghai Express Co., detectives were informed that they will hire several cars from the four above named Garages whenever their boats arrive in future should Ford Hire refuse to solely operate on the Wharf. In his opinion, it is far better to let more Garages to undertake the same job than a particular one.

[Signature]

Sen. Det. 1/e

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D. S. I.

D. D. O. "D"

Copy to Special Branch. 

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S. B. REGISTRY.

Misc. No. 86.

Way Side Station 1

REPORT

Date March, 17, 1935.

Subject Intimidation of Yellow Taxicab Company Chauffeurs.

Made by D.S.I. Hill.

Forwarded by

Shanghai 2/10

Sir,

I beg to report, that, commencing from the 1.3.35, the Manager of the N.Y.K. Wayside Wharf, C. C. Gejo granted the Yellow Taxicab Co. the sole right of operating on the companies wharf.

This step was taken in consequence of complaints received from passengers arriving by N.Y.K. vessels, to the effect that they were being subjected to inconveniences caused through touts and chauffeurs of small garages frequenting the wharf, who charged extortionate fees for the hire of their cars.

Since the concession was granted to the Yellow Taxicab Co., two acts of intimidation have taken place in this district, one of which took place on the N.Y.K. Wharf at 3.40 p.m. 1.3.35.

Occurrence Book entry reads as follows:

Quarrel 6.50 p.m. At 3.40 p.m. to-day J.P.S. 53 brought (Alleged 1.3.35. Assault) to the station 5 male Chinese from the N.Y.K. Wharf who were implicated in a quarrel at the above wharf, later C.P.C. 1953 brought another male Chinese to the station from the same wharf who was also implicated in the above case. There was also an Inspector from the Yellow Taxicab Co., named Zau Zung Nyu (趙宗儒) came and reported that the above mentioned Chinese males had assaulted him. It appears that the above garage got permission to take their cars to the above wharf for transportation of passengers from ships coming into the above wharf, the above

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your use in
connection with
the injuries
you have now
in hand with
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six male Chinese are mafocs and touts for other hire-cars also plying for business at the wharf and when the Yellow Taxicab Service commenced to ply their cars at the wharf they (the mafocs and touts) got jealous as some of their business was taken away from the . They told the Inspt. above named and a quarrel ensued, when it was alleged that some of the six Chinese mafocs threw odure at him. After questioning at the station, the manager and Inspector of the above garage did not want to take further action. The six Chinese mafocs names, address, and fingerprints were taken and they were strongly cautioned in case of re-occurrence of such incidents.

F.S. Curtin.

Officer-on-duty.

The names of the six male Chinese referred to in the report recorded in the station Occurrence Book are as follows:-

- (1) Lu Kya Tsung (呂家棟) 28 Chinkiang, m/coolie, residing at 245 Urga Road.
- (2) Si Tuh Yoong (徐德榮) 28, Yangchow, m/mafoo, residing at 23 Loh An Li, Kwenming Road.
- (3) Voong Siau Koh. (馮士角) 30, s/unemployed, residing at 189 Urga Road.
- (4) Li San Shi (李三士), 29, Taingkow, s/unemployed, residing at 187 Urga Road.

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(5) Ts Lai Pao (朱来宝), 25, Wusih, s/assistant chauffeur, residing at 167 Unga Road.

(6) Zau Tsung Pao, (赵正宝), Yan chow, m/unemployed, residing at 1 Mui head Road.

Enquiries made by J.D.S. Watanabe at this stage, learned that Mr. T. Yamasaki of the Japan Express Co. No.K.150 Boone Road, paid the sum of \$660.00 to Mr. C.Gejo, manager of the Wayside Wharf for and on behalf of the Yellow Taxicab Co. in order that the latter could obtain the sole right of operating on the wharf.

On the 1.3.35 Mr. S. Yoshikawa, General Passenger Agent came to the station and interviewed Chief Inspector Ginnane, Officer i/c and requested Police assistance in preventing the hire cars or "Ya Kyi" cars from entering the wharf. It was explained to Mr. S. Yoshikawa that the Police were not in a position to do this, but that the Police would keep observation for the hire cars on the public highway with a view to preventing them touting for hire. Mr. Yoshikawa was informed that as the wharf was private property he could give instructions to his own watchmen to prevent the hire cars in question from entering the wharf.

Subsequent to the 1.3.35 on the occasion of the arrival of N.Y.K. vessels extra Uniform patrols have been detailed for duty on Broadway and the vicinity of the entrance to the N.Y.K. Wharf.

On the 5.3.35, a further report of intimidation of Yellow Taxicab chauffeurs was received forming the subject of Wayside Misc. Report No.68^A/35 attached.

Enquiries learn that formerly the "Ya-Kyi" hire cars

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operated through the "Morimura Garage No.1030 Yalu Road, the latter closed down on or about the 1.2.35, owing to business depression, after which the "Ya-Kyi" hire cars were operated through one Y. Shimakage formerly connected with the Morimura Garage who issue tickets from the wharf to the "Ya-Kyi" hire cars receiving 50% commission.

Owing to complaints received from passengers as previously explained, the wharf manager instructed Y. Shimakage to cease the issue of tickets to the "Ya-Kyi" hire cars, it was arranged for Mr. T. Yamazaki to contract for the Yellow Taxicab Co.'s cars to have the sole right of plying for hire on the wharf.

From the foregoing, it will be seen the reason for the discontent resulting in numerous instances of intimidation of Yellow Taxicab Co chauffeurs which is assuming serious proportions.

Detectives attached to this station both Japanese and Chinese have been instructed to endeavour to obtain information regarding the perpetrators of the recent offences, the undersigned has given instructions that the persons released on the 1.3.35 in connection with the initial report, be located and brought to the station for interrogation.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D.D.O."D"

Senior Det i/c

Special Branch.

March 16, 1935.

Labour (3)

Intimidation against the Yellow Taxicab Company
of China Incorporated

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The latest method of the intimidators is to hire a Yellow Taxi car from a branch garage and drive to a certain alleyway where the passengers are joined by fellow intimidators and assault the chauffeur, threatening drastic action should he continue in the service of the Company.

Including the head office the Company have branches established at the following places :-

1424 Yu Yuen Road
69 Burkill Road
123 Soochow Road
9 Baikal Road
249 Boundary Road
1920 Bubbling Well Road.
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf,
Broadway.
534 Rue Bourgeat.
49 Avenue Edward VII.
1170-1172 Ho Ping Road, near Old West Gate.
Ning-shao Wharf, Nantao Bund.

March 20, 1935.

Intimidation against the Taylor Garage

On March 22, the Management of the N.Y.K. Wayside Wharf granted the Taylor Garage Ltd. head office, 96 Rue Cardinal Mercier, the sole right of operating on the Company's wharf.

On March 23, the Management of the garage received a letter purporting to emanate from the Wayside Wharf Unemployed Chauffeurs warning the garage not to accept the contract as it would affect the livelihood of more than 200 chauffeurs.

At 1.15 a.m. March 29, three cars Nos. 12110, 12127 and 12116 of the Taylor Garage proceeding westward along Avenue Edward VII near Thibet Road were stoned by some unknown person with the result that the first two were slightly damaged.

The company has branches at the following addresses:-

1-14 Astor Road.
19 Rue Montanban.

15 Ezra Road.
342 Avenue Roi Albert.

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MUNICIPAL POLICE

CABLE ADDRESS

"YELLOWCAB" SHANGHAI

CODES:

A.B.C. 5TH. & 6TH ED..

BENTLEY'S UNIVERSAL.

PRIVATE.

P. O. BOX NO. 1360

THE YELLOW TAXICAB
Y
COMPANY OF CHINA, INC.

MARCH 14, 1935

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
CENTRAL POLICE STATION
220 FOOCHOW ROAD
SHANGHAI

DEAR SIR,

WE BEG PERMISSION TO BRING TO YOUR NOTICE THE INCIDENTS IN WHICH SEVERAL OF OUR MOTOR-CARS WHEN DRIVING IN THE STREETS WERE DAMAGED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY SOME ROWDIES EITHER WITH ORDURE OR STONE FOR NO APPARENT REASONS. THE INCIDENTS REFERRED TO ABOVE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE SETTLEMENT SINCE THE 1ST. INST. ARE NARRATED AS FOLLOWS:

MARCH 1 - AT ABOUT 3.30 P.M., HALF AN HOUR AFTER THE S.S. SHANGHAI MARU WAS BERTHED ALONGSIDE THE WAYSIDE WHARF AND WHEN WE STARTED OUR TAXICAB SERVICE ON THE WHARF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE WHARF AUTHORITIES AND THIS COMPANY, OUR INSPECTOR NAMED CHAO CHEN YUEN WAS SUDDENLY INSULTED BY SOME ROWDIES WHO BEAT HIM UP AND POURED ORDURE ALL OVER HIS HEAD. LUCKILY, THE WATCHMEN IN THE EMPLOY OF THE WHARF INTERVENED, AND CAUGHT SEVEN PEOPLE WHO WERE LATER HANDED OVER TO WAYSIDE POLICE STATION.

MARCH 5 - AT ABOUT 1.30 P.M. WHEN OUR MOTOR-CAR LIC. No.12028 WAS DRIVEN EAST BY OUR CHAUFFEUR NAMED SHAN TUK PAO LICENCE No.2613 ALONG EAST BROADWAY, EAST OF KUNSPING ROAD, AT A MODERATE RATE OF SPEED, ONE COOLIE-TYPE FELLOW SUDDENLY CAME UP TO HIS CAR AND THREW ORDURE AT THE PASSENGER WHO SAT BESIDE THE CHAUFFEUR. IT WAS REPORTED TO WAYSIDE POLICE STATION AFTERWARDS.

MARCH 10 - AT ABOUT 11.00 P.M. WHEN OUR MOTOR-CAR LIC. No.12033 WAS DRIVEN NORTH BY OUR CHAUFFEUR SHAN TUK PAO LIC. No.2613 ALONG THIBET ROAD NEAR SWATOW ROAD, ONE COOLIE-TYPE FELLOW AGAIN THREW A PIECE OF BRICK AT THE CAR AND HIT AND BROKE THE RIGHT REAR DOOR GLASS. THE C.P.C. No.2967 WITNESSED THE INCIDENT. IT WAS REPORTED TO LOUZA POLICE STATION AFTERWARDS.

*Refer all
stations by
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THE YELLOW TAXICAB
Y
COMPANY OF CHINA, INC.

BRANCHES:
807 BOUNDARY ROAD
8-A SOOCHOW ROAD
9 BAIKAL ROAD
49-51 AVE. EDWARD VII
1424 YU YUEN ROAD
28 CHINESE GUND
69-71 BURKILL ROAD
GEN. TEL 70007

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YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

THE YELLOW TAXICAB CO. OF CHINA, INC.

2 M L C Manager

SI, Please ~~obtain~~ make
inquiries regarding
the parties responsible
for this trouble and
report.

7/15

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— 118. 138/35

Division.
Hong Kong
18th March 1935

Diary Number:— 1

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

12-15.1.35. - 1-30.1.35.
15-3-35

Places
visited in
course of
investigation
each day

General Enquiries

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Investigation of Admission of Chinese
Chauffeurs

At about 11-45.p.m. 15-3-35 a male Chinese 1354 and 2764 brought to the station a male Chinese one, Wu Heng Sun, (吴杏生) a chauffeur in the employ of the Yellow Taxi Cab Co., and in charge of public motorcar number, 120-19.

Wu Heng Sun told the following story :-

He is attached to the 8th. branch office of the taxi service situated at No.1170 Hu Ping Road, Nantao. At about 11-35.p.m. 15-3-35 a male Chinese went to the above office and hired a car to proceed to Haining Road. Wu Heng Sun was detailed to drive the man to his destination. When on the way and passing along the Rue Montigny, French Concession, the passenger stopped the car and picked up another man, whom he stated was his friend.

The driver proceeded to the Fearon Road and when opposite Lane No.457 was told to stop. Four other male Chinese then made their appearance, and the man who had boarded the car at the French Concession produced a length of rope which he placed around the chauffeur's neck. He then told the driver that in future he must not go anywhere near the Wayside wharf. The chauffeur much frightened, stated that he would not whereupon he was told to descend from the machine, and on him doing so the six men seized him and threw him in the Hongkong River.

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— **Mis. 138/35**

Division.
Hongkew Police Station **35**
16th March 19**35**

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Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

Places
visited in
course of
investigation
each day

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The driver called for help, the man absconded, and he was subsequently taken from the water with the aid of several passersby.

The scene of the offence was visited and a male Chinese, Ku Chang Soc, (顧振初) of No. 7 Dong Shen Li, off Park Road was located, who stated that he did not actually see the incident but saw the chauffeur in the water and helped to rescue him.

The driver cannot give an accurate description of the men concerned in the affair, nor could he recognise them if he were at any time to see them.

It is understood that of late several acts of intimidation have been perpetrated against the Yellow taxicab company, and that the reason is a quarrel between several hire car companies as to who shall have the right to ply for hire at the Whyside wharf.

Other than receiving a soaking the chauffeur received no injury and was allowed to return home.

Enquiries proceeding.

[Signature]
Senior Det.

[Signature]
D. S.

D. D. O. "C" Div.

[Signature]
16 MAR 1935

[Signature] 16. 3. 35
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WEST HONKOW Station,

REPORT

Date 15/3/35 19

Subject (in full) Intimidation of Yellow Taxicab Co driver

Made by D.S. Moore.

Forwarded by

Asst. Ins. J. J. J.

At 10.50 p.m. 15/3/35, one Zau Zung Yoen (赵永源) Inspector of the Yellow Taxicab Co's Sub-Station, Boundary Road came to this Station together with one Tsang Yoong Tsang (莊榮昌) chauffeur of the same company, holder of French Driving Lic: No 4428 and made the following report.

At 10.15 p.m. 15/3/35, 3 male Chinese speaking Komo dialect engaged Yellow Taxi, Lic: No 12042 from the company's sub-station at 28 Mantao Bund paying \$1.00 cash and instructed the said chauffeur to drive them to Kaifeng Road. Upon arrival at the entrance of Lane No 30, Kansuh Road about 50 yards north of North Soochow Road, the driver was instructed to stop. His three passengers then ordered him to alight from the driving seat. At this juncture, 6 or 7 male Chinese emerged from the alleyway and surrounded the driver whereupon the three passengers who had by this time also alighted tied the drivers' hands behind him with a length of rope one of them produced from his overcoat pocket. They also threatened to gouge out the driver's eyes. The men who had come from the inside of the alleyway, then threw into the body of the car two pieces of brick tied up in paper. The chauffeur was told to report the matter to the manager of the Yellow Taxicab Co and to refrain from driving cars of the company in future on pain of personal injury. He was also instructed to inform the manager to close the Co's sub-station at Baikal and Yangtzenpoo Roads corner. Two of the men from the alleyway, then freed the driver's hands, the whole then making off in an easterly direction along Lane No 30, Kansuh Road, which emerges on to North Chokiang Road. The chauffeur thereupon drove off and reported the incident to Zau Zung Yoen at the Boundary Road sub-station.

To corroborate his story, the driver produced to

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length of rope and two sections of brick previously mentioned.

He gives the following descriptions of his assailants:-

1. Age about 30 years, height about 5' - 5", round face, medium build, long hair brushed back, dressed in black overcoat, no hat.
2. Age about 26 years, height about 5' - 4", long dark face, medium build, short close cropped hair, dressed in black overcoat, no hat.

Descriptions of others not available. All spoke Kompo dialect.

Zau Zung Yoen states that on about 3/3/35 and again on 5/3/35, two men giving the names of Wong Ah S (王阿士) and Zung Kung Zai (王公才) interviewed the manager of the Yellow Taxicab Co, at the main office 338 Rue Bourgeat and represented themselves to be acting on behalf of certain garage owners in Wayside District, requesting the Yellow Taxicab Co to close its sub-station at Baikal and Yangtszepoo Roads corner in order to allow the other garage owners to make a living. Iang Tseng Ming, the manager informed the two men, that his company would not entertain the idea of closing up the sub-station in question and was thereupon warned by the two men that drastic measures would be taken unless their request was complied with. The two men named above are concerned in the operation of the Keong Dah (公大) Garage, 422 North Honan Road and the Dah Loong (大隆) Garage, 160 Chapee Road, which they are believed to control.

Senior Detective

D.D.O. "C" Division.

Officer i/c Special Branch

Det Sgt 842

16. 3. 35

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

Crime Register No. 586/35

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10t March.

Division.

Police Station.

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Diary Number 1.

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence:—

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Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

See below

Places visited in
course of
investigation
each day.

How low

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Amount of stock on hand.	Value of stock on hand.	Value of stock on hand.
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2.1001 road near Swatow Road.

Time and date of offence.

10.10 p.m. 11-3-30.

" " " reported.

10.10 p.m. 10-30.

Name, occupation and address of complainant.

Sang Du Phao (Sang Du Phao), Captain,
Vietnam Air Force, Hanoi, P.C.

Number of criminals with
full individual description.

1. 2. 3.

001. Chinese, no description available.

Arrests.

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Classification of property stolen.

Value \$

Classification of property recovered.

Value \$

In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.

- (a) Time and date body was discovered.
- (b) Position, appearance and marks on body.
- (c) Apparent cause of death.
- (d) Motive if known.

**Full Details of Method used
in Committing offence.**

In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (a) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.

- (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.
- (f) Means used (tools etc.)
- (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc.
- (h) Mode of transport and description.
- (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)

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- (j) What staff employed on premises?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
- (m) What was their "character"?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
- (o) Are old servants suspected?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

C.D.C.160 and the undersigned ascertained the following:-

The informant is employed as a chauffeur in the Boundary Road Branch of the Yellow Taxicab Co., and at 10 p.m. 10-3-38 he was instructed to convey two male passengers to the Great World amusement centre, French town.

Having conveyed the passengers to their destination the informant was driving his car Lic. No.12053 South to North along Taibet Road with the intention of returning to the garage, but however on reaching Swatow Road corner he heard a "crash" and on stopping his car discovered that the rear offside window of his car had been broken by a stone which after penetrating the window had fallen onto the floor of the car.

The chauffeur immediately searched the vicinity in effort to trace the culprits, but was only successful in catching a fleeting glimpse of three male Chinese decamping W to E along Swatow Rd.

Detectives made enquiries in the vicinity of the crime but no information regarding the culprits could be obtained.

Mr. Z.M. Ling manager of the Yellow Taxicab Co. was interviewed and the following ascertained: On the 1st March, 1938, the Yellow Taxicab Co. received an invitation from the H.Y.K. Co. inviting them to place their cars at the disposal of passengers disembarking from the H.Y.K. Co.'s boats at Wayside Wharf. The Yellow Taxicab Co. accepted the above invitation and placed their

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Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

cars on the above wharf instructing the chauffeurs to charge passengers the usual fee i.e. \$3.00 for 1 hour, this however caused considerable dissatisfaction amongst small garage owners and chauffeurs and customary charges of \$4.00 irrespective of time or place to which the passenger was conveyed.

It is also worth noting that prior to the Yellow Taxicab Co. accepting the M.T.A. Co.'s invitation the small garage owners situated in Wapside and Hongkew Districts held the monopoly on all passenger traffic on the above wharf.

The manager of the Yellow Taxicab Co. states that two similar incidents to this have already been reported to Wapside Police Station on the 1-3-35 and 6-3-35 respectively.

Extra copy forwarded to the Political Section.

Circulated and enquiries proceeding.

Day 11/3/35
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17 MAR. 1935

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Labour (3)

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